and to that end gets together all the lighters, boats, Western barges, cables and anchors that are to be found, giving out that with 1,500 musketeers he will defend the bridge or lose his life
All the noblemen about Court have rated themselves at round proportions to provide horse, as being the best advantage we are like to have if the enemy come, as the Lord Admiral 100, tie Earl of Shrewsbury 100, the Earl of Pembroke 200, the Earl of Northumberland 100, Mr Secretary 100, the Archbishop 100 and all the rest, both court and country according to their ability

*jth August* FRESH ALARMS

Towards evening yesterday came news that the Spaniards are landed in the Isle of Wight and Southampton, which bred unwonted fear and consternation in London, with such a cry of women, chaining of streets and shutting of the gates as though the enemy had been at Blackwall, insomuch that many are ashamed that our weakness and nakedness on all sides showed itself so apparently as to be carried far and near to our disgrace both with friends and foes Everywhere are to be met strange rumours and abundance of news spread abroad in the City and flying into the country, as that the Spaniards' fleet is 150 sail of ships and 70 galleys , that they bring 30,000 soldiers with them, and shall have 20,000 from the Cardinal, that the King of Denmark sends to aid him 100 sail of ships, that the King of Scots is in arms with 40,000 men, and the Spaniard comes to settle the King of Scots in this realm, which is so creditably bruited that a preacher, in his prayer before his sermon, prayed to be delivered from the mighty forces of the Spaniard, the Scots and the Dane , that my Lord Scroop was

slain with 200
men more, by the Scots, that Sir William Bowes was turned
out of Scotland by the King with great disclaim, that the
Adelantado has taken the sacrament to come to London Bridge,
and brings his wife and two daughters with him

*%th August.* THE PREPARATIONS IN THE Crrr

The intention of making a bridge of boats near Gravesend is
now, after much turmoil and great charge, quite given over,
either upon trial because they find it not feasible, or as bearing
another manner of breadth and billow than the river of